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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN PRESS OFFICE "NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS" ISSUED LATE JANUARY 15:

QUOTE: THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE TODAY BY A UNITED NATIONS SPOKESMAN IN REPLY TO PRESS QUERIES ON REPORTS THAT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET NAM IS OPENING A LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA:

"UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM, SIGNED IN PARIS ON 27 JANUARY 1973, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS ONE OF 13 PARTICIPANTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM WHICH CONVENED IN PARIS ON 26 FEBRUARY 1973. IN HIS STATEMENT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE ON 27 FEBRUARY 1973, THE SECRETARY GENERAL STATED INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING: 'SHOULD THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE

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AREA SO DESIRE, THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS FAMILY OF ORGANI-

ZATIONS COULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN RECEIVING, CO-ORDINATING AND CHANNELLING INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF THE AREA. SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PROVIDED WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND.'

"IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE PRG HAS REQUESTED, AND RECEIVED, ASSISTANCE FROM CERTAIN HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN LINE WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. IN OCTOBER 1974 THE PRG REQUESTED THAT A LIAISON OFFICE MIGHT BE SET UP IN GENEVA TO FACILITATE ITS CO-OPERATION AND CONTACTS WITH UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE-QUOTED STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE PARIS CONFERENCE, AND AFTER CLARIFYING WITH THE SWISS AUTHORITIES THE MODALITIES INVOLVED, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, FORWARDED TO THE SWISS AUTHORITIES THE NAMES OF THE THREE OFFICIALS DESIGNATED TO STAFF THE LIAISON OFFICE. IN RESPONSE TO THIS COMMUNICATION, THE SWISS GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE." UNQUOTE  
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